

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bill Cozat, Member
Jon Myers, Managing Director, attended virtually
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Art Buck, Superintendent
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer
Absent: Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Larry Schuelke, Homer Township; Ron Kutchev, Mills Township; Dan Mieski, Hope Township; Chuck Hudler, Hope Township; Nancy Hyatt; and Maria Sandow, Larkin Township, attended virtually.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Ron Kutchev asked about the process to request that a few intersections in Mills Township be reviewed for possible safety improvements. Russ told him that a safety review of intersections throughout the county was just conducted based on crash data. Included in that review were two intersections in Mills Township. Information from the review is used to determine potential safety improvements that can be made with our crews and others that we could seek safety grants for. Russ will review the intersections Mr. Kutchev is concerned about and they will discuss it in more depth after the meeting.

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for April 27, 2023 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for April 27, 2023.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for April 27, 2023 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve open accounts for April 27, 2023 in the amount of \$180,860.37.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

The Managing Director reviewed the need to apply for an EDF grant for Salzburg Road to provide all-season road system continuity within the urbanized area of Midland County.

Moved by Commissioners Cozat and Hyatt to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, under the current transportation bill, State Funded Category F funds through the office of Economic Development are available under a competitive based consideration, and

WHEREAS, projects are funded at 80% up to an amount not to exceed \$375,000, with a minimum 20% local match, and

WHEREAS, the Midland County Road Commission has selected Salzburg Road for improvements needed to maintain it as an all-season route, providing an essential and critical connection between the Dow Company's Global Headquarters and State Highway M-47, located within the urbanized area of Midland County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorizes Jonathan Myers, Managing Director, to apply for these funds.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt and Atton

Nays: None Resolution Adopted

The Managing Director reviewed the need to apply for a safety grant for Saginaw Road from Meridian Road/M-30 easterly 0.71 miles to the Averill Creek Drain in Lincoln Township.

Moved by Commissioners Hyatt and Cozat to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, under the current transportation bill, Local Safety Program Funds are Available under a competitive based consideration, and

WHEREAS, projects are funded at 80% federal funds, up to an amount not to exceed \$750,000, with a minimum 20% local match, and

WHEREAS, the Midland County Road Commission has selected Saginaw Road, between Meridian Road/M-30 and the Averill Creek Drain in Lincoln Township, for widening to three lanes for the addition of a center left turn lane.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorizes Jonathan Myers, Managing Director, to apply for these funds.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt and Atton

Nays: None Resolution adopted

Art discussed the need for a second compactor so that both excavators don't have to share one between them. We have been renting one from AIS when we need a second one, which costs \$1,700. per week. He requested the Board authorize the purchase of an NPK Compactor model C8C for \$22,320.00 from AIS Construction Equipment.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the purchase of an NPK Compactor as presented.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt and Atton

Nays: None Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

Russ presented the board with a copy of a press release that was drafted for an Open House in Larkin Township, which is scheduled for May 15, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Staff Reports:

Art discussed the meeting he and Jon had with Representative Schutte. They gave him a tour of the facility and had some good discussion with him about our operations and what we do. Culvert work has begun, to be completed prior to paving. Local paving projects are scheduled to begin the third week of May. Brine and dust control is scheduled for the second week of May, as long as weather will allow it.

Travis has been surveying with Jeff and working on culvert replacements in CAD.

Jeff discussed the pre-construction meeting that he attended last week for the rural paving projects. The new schedule has Shaffer Road being paved June 12 – 20; Jefferson Street July 5 – 21 and Stark Road July 24 – 31.

Russ presented the Board with the 2022 Certification Maps he submitted for Act 51. The Primary road network had an overall net loss of 10.12 miles, due to the transfer of Meridian Road to MDOT. The local road network had an overall net loss of 0.04 miles, due to a recent abandonment in Edenville Township. He has made a request to change some local roads to primary roads, and that request is being actively reviewed.

He attended a pre-construction meeting with the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail for the Dow Path, which is a non-motorized trail that will begin at the Bailey Bridge and travel southeast towards the Tittabawassee Township Park.

Russ, Jon and Jeff met with OHM to review several bridge projects. All of the projects are coming along well.

Art also let the board know about the new employee training that SAM had started holding recently. Ben Mead is an instructor at a training being held currently, he is teaching chain saw safety and providing demonstrations, this is why he was not at the board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:45 a.m. until Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair